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Georgia Southern student-athletes honored for work in the classroom

Student-Athlete Services

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Each month, the Georgia Southern Student-Athlete Services Department hands out its Student-Athlete of the Month, presented by Georgia Army National Guard, which recognizes students who are working just as hard in the classroom as they are on the field of competition. The male winner for the month of February is [Valentin Dun](#) of the tennis team. Let's get to know Valentin!

Name: [Valentin Dun](#)

Hometown: Concepcion del Uruguay

Sport: Tennis

Major: Electrical engineering

What is the best way for you to balance your academic and athletic lifestyle?

I think the best way to balance these two things is doing the homework and things for the university with time so you can then train good and give your best in the tennis court.

Why did you choose Georgia Southern University to further your Education?

I choose Georgia Southern University because I like a lot the location of this university and it has a very good tennis level. I think that this will help a lot in my tennis career and in the future.

What are your career aspirations?

In my career I hope have as high grades as I can and get the better results individually and as a team in the Georgia Southern University tennis team.

When it comes to striving to do your best in the classroom, who is the biggest motivator in your life?

I think my father is one of the bigger motivations because he is a very studios and smart person and I want to be like him. Additionally, I want to have a very good education in the future to be as specialized in my major as I can.

What are your pre game/competition rituals if you have any?

Before the competition games I always change my over grip of my racket and prepare all my garment in the locker room. Then when we are in the court, I make the warm up and change my cloth. After that I take my towel and I use this a lot in the match to maintain the focus.

Favorite pre game/competition meal?

I like a lot to eat pasta before the games because it gives me fast energy to consume in the match.